

BISHOP LOT TO HOLD BUILDING

Trustees of Estate Send for an Expert to Make Special Estimates.

Decision to investigate the need of a large business block to cover the entire Bishop Estate lot opposite the Young Hotel, from Hotel to King street, was reached by the trustees of the estate a week ago and a cable was sent to the mainland requesting an eminent architect to come here to investigate the proposition. The architect is believed to be enroute to Honolulu from San Francisco.

For the past two or three months it has been rumored that the Bishop Estate would erect a seven-story business block on the King street end of the lot. Because all the trustees could not be brought together at proposed meetings it was only a week ago that the decision was arrived at.

Instead of confining plans to the lower end of the lot the trustees now propose to ascertain from a building expert an estimate of the cost of a business block to cover all the lot, and to also estimate the cost of such a building in sections, each to form a part of the completed whole.

Send for Architect.

"The trustees have never engaged in the erection of buildings," said A. F. Judd, one of the trustees, yesterday, "and knowing nothing of the many problems arising in building construction, it was decided to employ the services of an expert and we have sent for an architect, whom I hope will be here very soon."

"I have faith in the future of Honolulu and believe the building proposal is a sound one. Many of the people of Honolulu have no vision for the future and can see nothing in it. I believe such a building as we propose, to take in the entire Bishop Estate lot, is a feasible proposition. We know nothing about the cost."

"We want to ascertain the demand for a building of the character tentatively planned, so that we can know whether we should erect an entire building, or just one wing, or so many stories. Any building that is erected, however, will be so constructed that it can be added to from time to time, in case we do not build the whole structure at once."

Demands for Space.

"There have been many inquiries concerning such a building, and there is apparently a demand for space in it."

"It is certain, however, that the Bishop Estate trustees feel that the time has come when we should derive some revenue from the city lots. However, knowing nothing about building, as we have heretofore confined ourselves largely to agricultural matters, and knowing that we are handling money not our own, we are moving cautiously and the expert will tell us what to do."

It is said that a building to cover the entire lot, taking in also the site occupied by the auto garage, would cost considerably more than a million dollars, but it was known many months ago that the seven-story building proposed for one end of the lot would cost several hundred thousand dollars.

Should the Bishop Estate finally erect a building which would be a companion to the Alexander Young building, Bishop street would become the retail center. It is a wide street, with wide sidewalks and has the advantage of having no street car tracks.

SCORE VICTORY IN NOTED CASE

Another victory was scored by John D. and Adolph Spreckels before Judge Henry E. Cooper in the circuit court yesterday morning when an agreement was reached whereby the plaintiffs in the suit to quiet title to their interest in the Spreckels estate in Honolulu each came into possession of an undivided one-fifth share in the property.

R. B. Anderson, of counsel for the plaintiffs, appeared before Judge Cooper in chambers Monday afternoon, to have judgment entered in accordance with the recent decision of Judge Cooper. In addition, Anderson asked that the judgment stipulate that the plaintiffs were to come into possession of their interests at once.

D. L. Withington, of counsel for the heirs under the will of the late Claus Spreckels, opposed this, claiming that the judgment in itself would be sufficient.

Adjournment was taken until yesterday morning to give Anderson opportunity to present further support of his claim. This was made unnecessary, however, by Withington agreeing to a slight change in the form of the judgment, which now reads:

"It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that each of the plaintiffs is the owner in fee simple of and entitled as tenants in common to the immediate use and possession of an undivided one-fifth interest in and to all those certain pieces and parcels of land situated on Merchant street, Queen street, Bishop street and Alakea street, in the city and county of Honolulu."

A detailed description of the property follows. Judgment of \$25.00 for costs, in addition to other costs, is also given the plaintiff.

Attorney Withington had the usual "as heirs in common" inserted in the judgment. This was the only change.

It was announced by Attorney Withington yesterday morning that all those for an appeal from the judgment had already been taken in behalf of his clients, which indicates that the case is to be taken to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

WORLD'S CHAMPION WON'T CHASE AROUND

Daniels Can Find Duke Kahanamoku At Home Any Old Time—June 11 Preferred.

(From Wednesday Advertiser)

"Duke Kahanamoku had to be sent to the mainland by his friends to prove that he could swim," said President W. T. Rawlins of the Hawaiian branch of the A. A. U. yesterday, "and he not only showed them what Hawaii could produce, but he returned from Stockholm as the world's champion short-distance swimmer."

"Duke was in the East for a good long while, but during all of his stay on the Atlantic seaboard he did not once gladden his eyes with the sight of the water."



W. T. RAWLINS,

President of the A. A. U. Hawaiian branch, who says Duke Kahanamoku is "at home" to all swimmers.

"*****" of Daniels who, according to recent newspaper reports, is now after Duke's scalp. They want Duke to travel some to meet Daniels to decide which of the two is the better American swimmer.

"The way I look at this matter now," continued Rawlins, "is that, if Daniels wants to swim against Duke he had better take a trip to Hawaii and try it here. Duke established his title beyond any question at the greatest meet of athletes in history, and it would not be proper for him to go chasing around the globe to swim against Daniels or anybody else."

"The A. A. U. meet, which takes place in Honolulu, June 11, is open to all amateurs and Daniels and everybody else may enter and, if they do, they will find Duke at home ready to defend his title."

President Rawlins appears to have the right idea. It is really up to Daniels or any other mainland swimmer and, for that matter, any Australian or any other swimmer in the world, who thinks he can beat Duke Kahanamoku, to meet him at home now. He earned his title and is willing to take on all comers once they invade his own little baliwau.

Rawlins' statement practically means that Duke is going to stay at home, resting on his well-earned laurels, and he will not make a move unless it be in 1916 to go to the Olympic meet at Berlin to defend his title.

With expedition, ye heralds of publicity, go forth and make it known to Daniels and his ilk that the world's champion short distance swimmer is now at home; that there will be a meet held in Honolulu on June 11, under the auspices of the A. A. U., at which time and place Duke Kahanamoku will be on hand, pronto and all that, to show how the amphibious Hawaiian can cut the water and outdistance any mortal aquatic man.

CHILLINGWORTH MAY GO WITH WILLIAMS TO SACRAMENTO TEAM

Johnny Williams received yesterday by registered mail from the Sacramento his contract for another season with that team. It names a good fat monthly stipend, with a proviso that, if he wins a certain number of games during the 1913 series for the Senators, his bonus will amount to a sixth of his total salary for the year.

"Honolulu John" will leave by the Sierra on February 8. Manager Graham, of the Sacramento, wants him to report on March 1, so Johnny will have ample time to take in familiar sights in Frisco town and other points along the way to the upriver capital.

Henry Chillingworth may accompany Williams and, in fact, it is very likely "Kid" will, if he knows what is good for him. Williams has talked a good deal about Chilly to the Sacramento ball magnates and yesterday was informed by his manager he could take Hawaii's best shortstop along with him for a tryout.

That Henry will make good, if he is given a trial by the Senators, all Honolulu feels sure of. Honolulu's loss will be Sacramento's gain, but, all the same, Henry will take Hawaii's best wishes along with him.

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TAFT IS ANGRY, BUT HELPLESS

Democrats Have Power to Block Appointments and Intend to Exercise It.

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The gavel is pounding. Lawmakers are jumping up in their places and gesticulating. Crowds are surging through the corridors. Winter tourists on the wing to warmer climates are halting at Washington for a day or two. Over in the White House offices there is a tension to duty. We are all settled down for the official winter, which is just a trifle shy of two months. For that period there should be smooth sailing.

Fresh from New Year festivities, congress undertook to work, but for a couple of days (Thursday and Friday) was exceptionally interrupted. Coming together of a Thursday, the house had specially to adjourn out of respect to the memory of John McHenry, Democrat, of Benton, Pennsylvania, who had died during the holidays. That was according to custom. The same day the senate listened to the swag song of Senator Bailey of Texas, but adjourned early out of respect to McHenry. The following day, Friday, when congress had assembled at noon, two more congressmen had passed over. One was Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, and out of respect for him the senate adjourned immediately after the chaplain's prayer. But the house, on coming together, was informed that Representative W. W. Wedemeyer, Republican, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who had been on a visit to the isthmus of Panama, had been drowned. Accordingly adjournment out of respect to him.

But this week the program is full steam ahead. There is a quickening everywhere in congressional activities. Much remains to be done and men charged with responsibility are up and doing. It must be so. The big tasks of the extra session are projecting themselves into prominence and that is a warning to the leaders of the dying congress. Manufacturers and legal representatives are trooping to town and presenting themselves before the house ways and means committee. The hearings upon the various schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law are under way this week to continue for the remainder of the month. Hundreds of men are in Washington on tariff errands.

Their War Paint On.

Some of those who keep their ears to the ground profess to hear war throbs. While Governor Wilson was away at Staunton, Virginia, celebrating his birthday anniversary and talking about Presidents needing to be in war paint, Democratic senators seem to have been putting a few daubs of ocre on themselves. They have come back for the remainder of the session in a very belligerent mood. Chiefly they want those patronage plans and they do not want the Republicans to "morgue the future."

As much was expected from the "hungry horde" but it was thought they would not be quite so forward about it. President Taft has been made to feel what the situation is. The Democratic senators are actually compelling him to back up. He voyaged down to the isthmus of Panama, with the idea of nominating Colonel Goethals, the builder of the canal, as his first civil governor. The Democratic senators got wind of that. They kicked up such a rumpus that the President had to reconsider. He commissioned Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, chairman of the senate committee on intercommerce canals, to reconnoiter and report to him. Senator Brandegee found the Democratic senators entrenched in force.

This aroused the President's ire tremendously. But what could he do? Democratic senators there were a plenty, who would talk the nomination of Colonel Goethals to death and there was no power on earth to stop them. The President's plan was also embarrassing Colonel Goethals. Word began to circulate (presumably from Democratic sources) that Colonel Goethals had more or less difficulties with certain of his efficient subordinates. He would "throw the books" into them if he ever had the opportunity to do so as civil governor. It required only a few days of this kind of agitation to decide the President that the isthmian canal nominations would have to go over to his successor.

A Few Concessions.

The battles over patronage have been on almost daily, with Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, in supreme command for the Democrats. There have been a few concessions. For instance the other day the interstate commerce committee unanimously assented to a favorable report on the nomination of E. E. Clark as interstate commerce commissioner. But railroad organizations the country over had been petitioning their senators by telegrams and by letters to give Clark (who used to be a railroad conductor) another term. And it is quite certain that Clark will be confirmed, as he ought to have been before the holidays.

But there are the postmasters of the presidential class, whose terms are expiring the last three or four months of the Taft administration. A great rush there was before the holidays on the part of these Republican postmasters and their Republican congressional friends to get the nominations before the senate. The President and the postmaster general cooperated and nominations for Republican postmasters went in by the bushel. They were referred to the postoffice committee but there they hung and there, apparently, most of them will hang.

Offices In Danger.

At first it was thought the nominations from the senate would be all the senate would be asked to hold up. Southern senators want Democratic postmasters. But that was no longer true. For now it is the Democratic senators who are taking notice. Why should they

DOUBTFUL PLAN FOR PROMOTION

Suggestion Now Is to Provide Funds for Committee by Special Tax.

Because the promotion of tourist traffic is not mentioned in the draft of the constitution and bylaws of the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, now under consideration by joint committees of the chamber of commerce, merchants' association and Commercial Club, fear has been expressed that the commercial organizations will throw the work overboard, but the committees who have been working on the merger declare that the work will be continued, although possibly not under the auspices of the commercial organizations, as at present.

Plans are being discussed by the legislative committee acting jointly for the commercial bodies and planters' association to have the promotion committee organized as a government bureau and its upkeep provided by a special tonnage tax.

Members of the joint committee who were asked yesterday why the promotion work was not included in any of the working committees mentioned in the bylaws, state that while it is not specifically mentioned the members have discussed the matter at some length.

It must be a surprise to the community generally to learn that the promotion of tourist traffic has met with opposition in inner circles of business interests, particularly those who represent only plantation interests, while the businessmen, who brush elbows with the retail and wholesale consumers and with the army of tourists already attracted to the Islands, are strongly in favor of promotion work, for they have seen its value to the community, and for the development of commercial interests. Some planters, however, who are in closer touch with the benefits of tourist travel and retail business, favor promotion work on a large scale.

The proposal now is to establish the promotion work as a government activity and supported by a special tonnage tax created through legislation. To this plan the opponents of promotion work offer the plea of illegality, but it is pointed out that the immigration or conservation tax is a precedent. The tax so created would go into the territorial treasury to be appropriated through proper legislative channels into funds for promoting tourist traffic.

In the minds of some who have been at work on the merger plans, the promotion committee was regarded as a government institution merely because the legislature at its last session made a special appropriation to carry on the work on the enlarged plans prepared by the officers of the committee. It was a surprise to some to learn that the promotion committee was the child of the chamber of commerce and merchants' association, and that the members of the committee were designated by each organization for yearly periods.

The tonnage tax for promotion traffic, it is reported by some of those working on the merger, would be created indirectly by contributions from every person in the Islands—the consumers.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is not absolutely certain that his team will win the championship of the American League next season. Connie appears to realize that there are several other baseball teams that might possibly have something to say in the matter, and, besides, Mack isn't confident that he has the best pitching staff in the world.

Harry Lee, the millionaire athlete from Boston, has entered the 1000-yard race at the junior indoor championship meet this month. Lee startled the athletic world last winter by running a full half mile in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory in 1:56 2-5. He would have been on the Olympic team but for the fact that he likes amateur horse racing better than athletics.

Not have some of this postal patronage for the boys back home, who are begging and pleading for federal jobs? In nearly every State there has been a digging up of old records of 1897 and 1898 to see whether President McKinley and his postmaster general allowed every Democratic postmaster to serve out four years on an appointment from President Cleveland.

Unfortunately for the Republicans a good many Democratic postmasters' heads were chopped off rather summarily in those two years. There was no undue amount of regard shown for the four years' tenure. And while that may be very ancient history now, a contemplation of it makes Democratic blood boil. Therein is their excuse for roiling the Republicans up short. And, of course, the Republican senators are finding it difficult to answer that argument.

Commissionerships Also.

President Taft wanted to nominate two commissioners for the District of Columbia, as their terms expire in January. There are three of these commissioners who constitute the governing board for the territory that includes the seat of federal government, but Democrats in the District of Columbia, where people have no vote, began to protest and Democrats in the senate began to protest and the question of it all is that probably President Taft will desert from his original purpose and allow Mr. Wilson to name the two commissioners for the District. So it runs through a long category and President Taft has concluded that discretion is advisable and simply will not press the warfare.

Perhaps Republicans will celebrate in the senate after March 4. Of course they could do so and make things embarrassing for Democratic senators and for the new President. But the chances are they will do nothing of the kind. Democrats are victorious and the usual concessions of political expediency will be made to them. If the sure is to be reversed up, it must be in eight years.

SUPERVISORS FIND MANY THINGS TO DO

Business of All Kinds Acted on or Referred to Proper Committees.

First Deputy City Attorney Milverton reported at the meeting of the supervisors last night that the bonds presented by the recently appointed road overseers were not in the proper form and that he had returned them to the surety company for correction.

Ioane Kamaka, who broke his leg while working on the road and wanted compensation, will be allowed pay for the ten and one-half days in November during which he was unable to work, Milverton stating that this compromise would be satisfactory to the petitioner.

Jose Rosa's claim for pay for fifteen days as interpreter during the present month, was reported by Milverton to be without merit, inasmuch as Rosa was discharged before January 1, and had done no work for the city since the first of the year.

J. J. Mehlstein, building and plumbing inspector, sent in a communication announcing that he had appointed Charles C. Murasky as his assistant.

J. N. S. Williams submitted a proposition whereby he will deed to the city the necessary land required to broaden the Upper Manoa road on condition the city build retaining walls skirting the street along his property in return. Referred to the road committee.

Filipino Dance Hall.

B. A. Lionzon asked permission to remove the Filipino Public Dancing School from Norkley Hall to the Shun Hoy Cafe, No. 10 Hotel street. Referred to the police committee.

Citizens of greater Kapiolani asked for street repairs and more electric lights. Kahoolawe lane residents want one electric light.

A petition signed by representative citizens of Beretania street was presented by J. W. A. Palmer, calling attention to the wretched condition of this thoroughfare due to the heavy traffic which passes over it from Kaimuki. The petitioners declare that after the gas pipes were laid, the street was never properly repaired; that it has not been cleaned in six months; that refuse from other streets is dumped on Beretania street to be ground into dust by wheels; that sections of it are impassable to pedestrians, and that it is so improperly sprinkled that clouds of dust hang over its entire length.

They asked as soon as possible and that the sprinkling be done early in the morning before the heavy traffic starts to move, and again in the late afternoon when the traffic is at its height. They also ask for permanent paving as soon as conditions will permit. Referred to the road committee.

Resolutions were introduced by Supervisor McClellan, and passed, re-appropriating balances in the general fund and the permanent improvement fund, left by the old board, and which are due for construction work on the streets.

No Humane Officer.

Supervisor Petrie inquired as to whether the horse which is being used by Miss Rose Davison, the humane officer, is the property of the city, as he said he had been informed that Miss Davison claimed that the horse had been given her by the city and that she would refuse to give it up. He was informed that the city had only granted the use of the horse to Miss Davison.

Supervisor Pacheco moved that the road committee be instructed to secure possession of the horse inasmuch as, he said, Miss Davison was no longer in the employ of the county, the appropriation for a humane society officer having been cut off by the new board. The motion carried.

Supervisor Petrie was instructed to ascertain why K. R. G. Wallace hindered the widening of Beckley street, by refusing to turn over a strip of land in front of his property to the city, after, as it was charged, having promised to do so. Wallace, it seems, wants the city to pay for the strip and Petrie was requested to ascertain his terms.

Major Wolter advised Petrie to go slow about buying land, as he said, Beckley was a backwoods street anyway.

Supervisor Pacheco took exception to the term "backwoods street," as applied to Beckley. He said he lived near that street, and it was one much used by joy riders and for other vehicles. Thereupon Major Wolter did the right-about-face, and said he strongly favored doing everything necessary for Beckley street.

RAW SUGAR STEADY.

(By Foreign Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, January 21.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Raw sugar steady; Muscovado, 89 degrees test, 2.98c; Centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 3.48c; Molasses, 89 degrees test, 2.75c. Refined quiet.

A DISSENTER.

"This here Wombat is a pugnacious fellow."

"No!"

"He would go to great lengths to get up an argument."

"How now?"

"Now he's siding with the Turks."

—Kansas City Journal.

A Japanese, named Hiokumatsu Tayan, committed suicide at Olua, Hawaii, last week, in the old-fashioned Japanese way of disemboweling himself, cutting a great gash in the abdomen. He was found after he had been missing a day, in a cane field a few hundred feet from the camp where he had been visiting a friend. Contained silver was the cause of the deed.

Attorney Harry Irwin has been offered by Governor Frazar the office of boundary commissioner which was held by Judge Parsons and later on by Judge Wise. This is another instance of the Governor's new policy of picking Democrats for public office.

LOCAL CAPITAL IS MUCH PREFERRED

Hilo Traction Company Ready to Offer Its Stock—Papers Ready to File.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.) HILO, January 20.—Under the name of the Hilo Traction Company, articles of incorporation have been prepared for the concern which will operate under the Connors-Johnson franchise. It will be a local concern.

Attorney Carlsmith, who is one of the incorporators, gave out the following statement in regard to the matter yesterday:

"C. F. Wood, of the Philadelphia Breakwater Company, who is prominently interested in this concern, much prefers having the stock taken up by local people. While he could finance the proposition through Philadelphia and New York bankers, he believes it best that it be taken up by local incorporators and that local financial institutions do the financing, so that it be considered a home and not a foreign corporation."

"The matter has been discussed in my office a great many times, until it was finally agreed that it should be taken up by local people. We believe that every dollar of the capital will be raised in the Territory, the major portion thereof in Hilo. Mr. Wood, himself, has declared his intention to become a resident of this Territory."

Capital Stock at Par.

"The incorporators are at present L. S. Connors, W. H. Johnson, C. S. Carlsmith, H. V. Frazar, C. F. Wood, D. E. Metzger, Col. Sam Johnson and C. E. Wright. There are others interested who will take considerable stock."

"The company will be capitalized for \$100,000, with a right to increase to not over a million dollars, and the life of the company will be the usual fifty years. Of the original \$100,000 the entire amount is to be subscribed and practically seventy-five per cent is to be paid in."

"The stock will be placed on the market at \$100 a share, and no stock will be sold below par. The franchise is a modern one in every respect, with all possible safeguards against stock-juggling and the like."

Promoters Get \$50,000.

"The franchise will be bought from the original holders, namely: Connors, Johnson and Wood, for the sum of \$50,000, which is the valuation placed thereon by congress. Bonds will be issued for the purpose of paying for the work of construction."

"On January 24, the government will sell at auction the Wailuku river water license, which will be bid for by one of the incorporators, and if he secures it he will, according to an understanding, transfer his interest to the corporation."

"The articles of incorporation will probably be sent to Honolulu to the territorial treasurer next Friday."

SECRET OUT ABOUT DEEPER HARBOR CHANNEL

New Ships and Crippled Ships Need Deeper and Straighter Waterway—See?

The secret for the recommendation to deepen Pearl Harbor channel to a minimum of forty feet and also to widen it in places is out, and the simple reason is that the superdreadnoughts are being built so much bigger now that it seemed wise to the naval authorities before the Pearl Harbor drydock is finished that the channel be sufficiently deep to permit of any vessel of the dreadnought class to steam up to the harbor, with always plenty of room beneath the keel.

By a strange freak of forgetfulness the navy department officials did not take into consideration the fact that when warships go into action they sometimes are damaged, and compartments fill with water and that when they attempt to negotiate channels and harbors of thirty-five feet they are in danger of sticking on the bottom.

"The reason for the deepening of the channel is because they might require pretty nearly that amount of water to sail in," said a man of the service yesterday. "These ships draw twenty-six to twenty-eight feet of water under normal conditions. Let one of them become damaged and run in for the drydock with compartment or two filled with water, with her head or stern down, and see how difficult it is going to be to negotiate a channel which is not straight."

"It was lack of foresight on somebody's part when this fact was not taken into consideration."

"As a result, the government must now make a new contract for more depth for that four miles of waterway. Our warships may happen to get the worst of it in a battle."

- * An agreement has been entered into by the Bishop Estate with the Waioli Water Company, which gives the latter the right of way for the water tunnel from Koolau through the Koolau range into the Waioli section of Ewa on this side of the island. The estate has also leased to the water company for fifty years the water of Waioli.
- * The tunnel opens out on the Waioli lands which run down the backbone of a ridge from the Koolau range toward Pearl City.
- * The water company is to pay a minimum rental of \$1250 a year and a percentage on the water used.
